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SUBJECT: NATO CONSULTATIONS ON SPECIFIC CONVENTIONAL
WEAPONS

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1. WE WOULD PREFER LATEST POSSIBLE DATE FOR NATO CON-
SULTATIONS ON SPECIFIC CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS, SO AS TO MINI-
MIZE TRAVEL DEMANDS ON US PARTICIPANTS. WE WOULD HOPE THAT
ONE DAY WOULD BE SUFFICIENT FOR THESE CONSULTATIONS.

2. WE UNDERSTAND UK HAS SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF MEETING
OF WESTERN LIASON GROUP ON AUGUST 25 (PRESUMABLY IN GENEVA,
SINCE NON-NATO PARTICIPANTS ARE INVOLVED). WE AGREE THAT
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GROUP SHOULD MEET IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO START OF CONFERENCE.
HOWEVER, AMB. ALDRICH (HEAD OF US DEL.) WILL NOT BE AVAIL-
ABLE IN GENEVA UNTIL AUGUST 27, AND WE WONDER WHETHER UK
HAS CONSIDERED POSSIBILITY OF INITIAL GROUP MEETING ON
MORNING OF AUGUST 28 (OR EVENING OF AUGUST 27), FOLLOWED BY
OTHER MEETINGS AS PREPCON PROGRESSES. THIS MAY ALSO BE
MORE CONVENIENT FOR OTHER NON-EUROPEAN PARTICIPANTS.

3. SUGGEST YOU EXPLORE ABOVE WITH UK AND OTHERS. WE ARE FLEXIBLE ON TIMING, BUT WOULD PREFER SCHEDULE ALLOWING LATEST ARRIVAL IN BRUSSELS, FOR EXAMPLE, BY SCHEDULING NATO CONSULTATIONS FOR AUGUST 25 IN BRUSSELS AND WESTERN LIASON GROUP FOR MORNING OF AUGUST 28 (OR EVENING OF AUGUST 27) IN GENEVA. IF THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO OTHERS, WE WOULD SUPPORT CANADIAN SUGGESTION. IN ANY EVENT, ORIGINAL SCHEDULE OF AUGUST 23-24 FOR NATO CONSULTATIONS IS ACCEPTABLE IF OTHERS PREFER. VANCE

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